

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto **House Bill No. 59** because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 59 creates an inappropriate role for the Secretary of State by requiring that office to post information on the Internet about judicial candidates. Information about candidates should be distributed by the candidates themselves, political parties, and other private organizations, not by government officials. Additionally, this proposal might create the false impression that the Secretary of State guarantees the truth of information provided by the candidates.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1999.

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George W. Bush Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Secretary of State